

10 June 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT : Secretariat Summary of USIB Agenda for 11 June

Item 1 Watch Report

Draft by the Watch Committee to be circulated for USIB approval;
Sponsor - General Cushman

Item 2 SNIE on Chinese Reactions to Certain Courses of Action in Indochina
BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval;
Sponsor - Mr. Abbot Smith

NOTE: On the circulated agenda we have asked for a
"LIMITED ATTENDANCE" for this item.

This estimate was prepared at the urgent request of the Washington Special Action Group. BNE reports no major disagreements during coordination, and anticipates no dissents at USIB. The major conclusions are essentially the same as those approved in the 28 May SNIE on this general subject.

In view of the sensitivity of this estimate it is suggested that consideration be given to a special limited distribution similar to that for the 28 May SNIE consisting of one copy to each USIB Principal plus those required by the Washington Special Action Group as the requestor.

Item 3 NIE on Communist China's General Purpose and Air Defense Forces
BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval;
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The draft of this regularly scheduled estimate contains dissenting footnotes by the following representatives:

Para. 18, p. 9 and 10 - DIA

Para. 33, p. 19 and 20 - DIA


Para. 36, p. 22 and 23 - DIA and NSA

Para. 49, p. 31 and 32 - DIA and NSA

BNE advises that Army may join DIA in some or all of these dissents.

BNE explains that the disagreement concerns the degree of Chinese armed forces' involvement in political turmoil during recent years, and the degree to which this has degraded combat readiness and effectiveness and hampered policy guidance and military planning. DIA and NSA (and perhaps Army) believe the damage to be less than do CIA and INR.

This disagreement is also reflected in the text of Conclusion B and of paragraphs 16 and 17.


Executive Secretary, USIB

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